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Applicants: R.P. Nargund et al.

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For: ACYLATED PIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES AS
MELANOCORTIN -4 RECEPTOR AGONISTS

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Examiner:

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

 MERCK & CO., INC.
By [Signature] Date 7/27/2007

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following response to an Office Action from the Patent Office, dated March 29, 2007, the response to which was due June 29, 2007.

Applicants hereby request a one month extension to Sunday July 29, 2007 for entry of the following response to the March 29, 2007 Office Action. Since July 19, 2007 falls on a Sunday, the following response to the March 29, 2007 Office Action is timely filed with a one month extension on Monday July 30, 2007.

The fee for the one-month extension and any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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